

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003.

By said Action, claims 1, 2, 3 and 6 were rejected as anticipated by Magnifico, claims 1, 2 and 6 were rejected as anticipated by Thompson, claim 4 was rejected as obvious over Magnifico in view of JP 08150080, and claim 5 was rejected as obvious over Magnifico in view of JP 08150080 and Hursch.

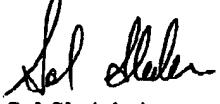
Claims 7 – 16 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form.

While traversing the rejections, Applicant, in order to expedite the allowance of the application, has amended claim 1 to include the recitation of now cancelled claims 6 and 7, putting it along with claims 2 – 5, dependent therefrom in allowable condition, claim 8 has been amended to include the recitation of claim 1, putting it, along with claims 9 – 16 dependent therefrom, in allowable condition.

Claims 17 – 22, withdrawn from consideration, have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully urged that claims 1 – 5 and 8 – 16 are in allowable condition, and such action, along with the issuance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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